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## HOUSE BILL No. 1478

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DIGEST OF HB 1478 (Updated February 14, 2005 5:44 pm - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-22.

**Synopsis:** Disposal of abandoned vehicles. Raises the market value limit below which a public officer is authorized to dispose of an abandoned vehicle or parts at an automobile scrapyard.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 17, 2005, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1478

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-22-1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) If in the  
3 opinion of the officer the market value of an abandoned vehicle or parts  
4 determined ~~under~~ **in accordance with** section 12 of this chapter is less  
5 than:

6 (1) ~~one~~ **five** hundred dollars (~~\$100~~); (**\$500**); or

7 (2) in a municipality that has adopted an ordinance under  
8 subsection (b), the amount established by the ordinance;

9 the officer shall immediately dispose of the vehicle to an automobile  
10 scrapyard. A copy of the abandoned vehicle report and photographs  
11 relating to the abandoned vehicle shall be forwarded to the bureau. The  
12 public agency disposing of the vehicle shall retain the original records  
13 and photographs for at least two (2) years.

14 (b) The legislative body of a municipality (as defined in  
15 IC 36-1-2-11) may adopt an ordinance that establishes the market value  
16 below which an officer may dispose of a vehicle or parts under  
17 subsection (a). However, the market value established by the ordinance

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1 may not be more than ~~five~~ **seven** hundred **fifty** dollars ~~(\$500)~~; **(\$750)**.

2 SECTION 2. IC 9-22-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. **(a)** If in the  
4 opinion of the officer the market value of the abandoned vehicle or  
5 parts determined ~~under~~ **in accordance with** section 12 of this chapter  
6 is at least:

7 (1) ~~one~~ **five** hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~; **(\$500)**; or

8 (2) in a municipality that has adopted an ordinance under section  
9 13(b) of this chapter, the amount established by the ordinance;  
10 the officer, before placing a notice tag on the vehicle or parts, shall  
11 make a reasonable effort to ascertain the person who owns the vehicle  
12 or parts or who may be in control of the vehicle or parts.

13 **(b)** After seventy-two (72) hours, the officer shall require the  
14 vehicle or parts to be towed to a storage area.

15 SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1478, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

DUNCAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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